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“Ten Million & Four” Reasons to Override the President’s Veto of the Bipartisan Children’s Health Insurance Bill

REASONS #1 THROUGH #10,000,000 – PROVIDES HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE TO 10 MILLION CHILDREN.

First, the bill ensures that 6 million children who currently participate in the Children’s Health Insurance program continue to receive health care coverage. It also extends coverage to nearly 4 million uninsured children, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

REASON #10,000,001 – EXTENDS FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT PROVISIONS TO MILITARY FAMILIES. The bipartisan children’s health insurance bill also expands the Family Medical Leave Act to include the family members of wounded veterans. Family members would be permitted to take up to six months unpaid leave from their jobs to care for injured veterans.

REASON #10,000,002 – FULLY PAID FOR, NO NEW DEFICIT SPENDING. The bipartisan children’s health insurance bill is fully paid for – in keeping with strict budget discipline rules passed by the Democratic-led Congress in January.

REASON #10,000,003 – BROAD BIPARTISAN SUPPORT ACROSS AMERICA.

- The bipartisan children’s health insurance bill passed the House and Senate by a wide majority
 - 265 Representatives – including 45 Republicans – voted in favor of the bill.
 - 67 Senators – including 18 Republicans – voted in favor of the bill.
- 72 percent of Americans support a \$35 billion increase in the federally funded children’s health insurance program – with the people who “strongly” support the bill outnumbering its strong opponents by 3-1. [[ABC News/Washington Post, 10/1/07](#)]
- Support for the bipartisan children’s health insurance bill includes overwhelming majorities across ALL party lines:
 - 81 percent of Democrats
 - 69 percent of Independents
 - 61 percent of Republicans

REASON #10,000,004 – MORE THAN 270 INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATIONS

SUPPORT THE BILL. More than 270 groups and organizations support the bipartisan children's health insurance bill including America's Health Insurance Plans, American Medical Association, AA, YMCA, and the Healthcare Leadership Council.

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